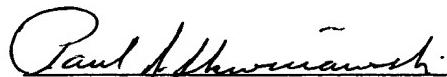


## CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims listed above as presently being under consideration in the application are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early allowance of such claims is respectfully requested.

A Petition for an extension of the shortened statutory period for response set by the Office Action mailed 26 February 2004 in the present application is submitted herewith, along with a Form PTO-2038 authorizing payment of the requisite Petition fee. No other fees are properly required for entry and consideration of this paper. However, please charge any actual shortage in fees to ATS&K Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (referencing Case No. 500.40346X00).

Respectfully submitted,

  
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